

2023-2024

WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGES AT A GLANCE



Notable Numbers

24,233

Students served by Wyoming Community Colleges (headcount)

89%

Percentage of students who are Wyoming residents served by Wyoming Community Colleges

79%

Percentage of students enrolled part-time

15.7:1

College system average student to faculty ratio

65%

Percentage of entering students who continue to the subsequent semester

No. 1 & 2

National ranking of the Wyoming Community College System in 2020 & 2021

9,880

High school students who enrolled in Dual/Concurrent courses

23.6

Average student age

5,973

High school graduates who transitioned to Wyoming community colleges



Return On Investment

For every dollar invested in Wyoming Community Colleges, Wyoming society receives a cumulative value of \$4.90 in benefits; equal to \$2.4 billion in social savings, enhanced business output, and increased wage earnings.

Educational Attainment

Wyoming Community Colleges awarded 3,500 associate degrees and certificates last year.

88 Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees Conferred

Community colleges celebrated the first BAS graduating class. Degrees are offered at Central Wyoming College, Laramie County Community College, Northwest College, Sheridan College, and Western Wyoming Community College.

Partnerships Serving Wyoming Students & Communities

Colleges established over 2,398 partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and local industries of which 930 are regional development and 792 are local serving both students and Wyoming communities.

State, Student, Community Contributions

The State of Wyoming contributed \$109.2 million in support of Wyoming Community Colleges in FY2023, constituting approximately 54% of the colleges' annual operating budgets. The balance of funding included 25% from student tuition and fees and 21% from local property tax mill levies.

Our Colleges

Casper College



Central Wyoming College



LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Gillette College



Sheridan College



Northwest College



WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Key Initiatives



Adult Scholarships

Efforts continue to advance education and training of Wyoming adults through the Kickstart Wyoming's Scholarship, a \$1.25 million fund for 2023-24. The primary goal remains to fully fund the Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Endowment to \$50 million to increase educational attainment and enhance economic development outcomes.



Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP)

Community colleges continue to play a lead role in Governor Gordon's initiative to align, coordinate, and combine efforts across the state with UW, state agencies, industry and business partners, and communities to achieve success in training, education, and workforce and industry development.



Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS)

A collaboration between Wyoming Community Colleges, Department of Education, Department of Workforce Services, UW, and Department of Family Services to provide extensive reporting, analysis, assessment and a comprehensive data-driven picture for educational and workforce outcomes.



Student Transfer Success

Transfer is easier with the implementation of wyotransfer.org across all eight colleges and UW to provide:

- ✔ Course Transfer & Equivalency Mapping
- ✔ Streamlined Transfer Process

2021-2025 Strategic Plan

Educational Attainment

Facilitate postsecondary educational attainment to the betterment of all Wyoming citizens.

Affordability

Facilitate community college system sustainability, funding, and affordability, while keeping higher education as nearly free as possible.

Program Alignment

Facilitate alignment of postsecondary programs with UW, the workplace, and the workforce, providing seamless pathways for Wyoming citizens.

Economic Development

Facilitate initiatives leading to the diversification and growth of Wyoming's economy.

Commission Priorities



Strategic

Implement and maintain the Community College System 2021-2025 Strategic Plan to include annual analysis and updated metrics.



Advocacy

Continue strong and positive advocacy for community college system.



Educational Attainment

Continued implementation of the Wyoming Post-secondary Educational Attainment plan with focus on Wyoming economic and citizenry impact.



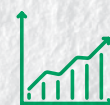
Sustainable Funding

Inform on the need for community college sustainable funding. Advance the higher education value proposition.



Economic & Workforce Development

Support economic and workforce development efforts, including the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP), Wyoming Workforce Development Council, and State Board of Education.



Organizational Efficiency

Ensure organizational efficiency in Commission and agency operations, functions, and capacity through a regular review of: biennial budget, college administrative computing system, agency staffing, and system-wide technology solutions.